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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM NEA/P GEORGE SHERMAN

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SUBJECT:PROPOSED PUBLIC AFFAIRS ENGAGEMENTS FOR THE
AMBASSADOR

REF: JIDDA 05040

1. WE WELCOME YOUR OFFER TO ACCEPT PUBLIC AFFAIRS ENGAGE-
MENTS DURING YOUR HOME LEAVE IN OCTOBER AND WE PROPOSE THE
FOLLOWING:

A. A TWO-DAY PROGRAM IN BOSTON THAT WOULD INCLUDE LUNCHEONS
AND MEETINGS WITH CORPORATE EXECUTIVES OF INTERNATIONAL
FIRMS SPONSORED BY THE BUSINESS COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL
UNDERSTANDING AND THE INTERNATIONAL CENTER OF NEW ENGLAND;
EDITORIAL BACKROUNDERS WITH THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR
AND OTHER NEWSPAPERS AND APPEARANCES ON MEDIA TALK SHOWS;
LECTURES AT FLETCHER, HARVARD AND OTHER SCHOOLS.

B. WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF TWO
UNIVERSITY-CUM-MEDIA TOURS, ONE OF UPPER NEW ENGLAND AND A
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SECOND, SHORTER, TOUR CENTERING ON RHODE ISLAND AND CONNEC-

TICUT. IF THIS IDEA MEETS WITH YOUR APPROVAL, WE WILL
NEED TO KNOW THE LENGTH OF TIME AND DATES YOU COULD DEVOTE
TO EITHER ONE OR BOTH TOURS.

C. WE WOULD LIKE TO SCHEDULE AT LEAST ONE DAY IN NEW YORK
CITY, WHERE YOU COULD ADDRESS GROUPS AT THE FOREIGN
POLICY ASSOCIATION, THE WORLD TRADE CENTER AND COLUMBIA
UNIVERSITY.

2. ALTHOUGH YOUR PRINCIPAL TOPIC WILL BE ALL FACETS OF
SAUDI-U.S. RELATIONS, MANY OF THE GROUPS CAN ALSO BE EXPECT-
ED TO SEEK YOUR VIEWS ON U.S. MILITARY SALES TO THE GULF
STATES, U.S. POLICY ON THE ARAB BOYCOTT, U.S. POLICY TOWARD
OPEC, AS WELL AS SUCH GENERAL MIDDLE EAST ISSUES AS
LEBANON AND EFFORTS TO SETTLE THE ARAB-ISRAELI DISPUTE.

3. IN ORDER TO BEGIN CONCRETE ARRANGEMENTS, I WOULD
APPRECIATE KNOWING WHETHER YOU AGREE IN PRINCIPLE TO THE
THREE GENERAL SUGGESTIONS ABOVE. IF YOU AGREE, WE WOULD
THEN PUT FORWARD SPECIFIC ENGAGEMENTS FOR YOUR APPROVAL.

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